(a) whether Government has decided to follow the policy of quiet diplomacy to find a solution to the problem in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether Government has invited leaders of all shades to come and discuss the issue;

(c) if so, the details of discussions held and outcome thereof; and

(d) to what extent the problem in Jammu and Kashmir is likely to be resolved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) The Central Government is holding talks with every shade of opinion in Jammu and Kashmir. In a speech on October 28, 2009, Prime Minister stated that talks could be held with anyone who had any meaningful ideas for promoting peace and development in Kashmir. He was also willing to carry all sections of the people in resolving the political and economic problems of Jammu and Kashmir. Some groups have indicated an interest in holding talks.

Pumping of fake notes into India by Pakistan

2201. SHRI N.K. SINGH:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Investigation Agency (NIA) which has recently submitted its first ever report has indicted Pakistan behind pumping fake notes into India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government on the basis of NIA report has taken any further action to check entry of fake notes in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) The National Investigation Agency (NIA) was directed to investigate a case relating to circulation of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs) in the country. Investigation conducted by NIA has given indication about pumping fake notes by Pakistan into India. NIA has filed charge sheet in the Court against 07 accused.

To address the multi-dimensional aspects of the FICN menace, several agencies such as the RBI, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the intelligence Agencies of the Centre, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), etc. are working in tandem to thwart the nefarious activity related to FICNs. The activities of these agencies are also periodically reviewed in a nodal group set up for this purpose. In this context, at the functional level, the CBI has been declared as the nodal agency for coordination with the States; the Directorate General.

Plan for modernization of police force in Maharashtra

2202. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan for modernization of Police Forces has been received by the Central Government from the State of Maharashtra for the year 2009-10;

(b) what is the status of this proposal;

(c) whether the Police Forces are adequately modernized in wake of the impeding terrorist threat perception to Mumbai; and

(d) if not, the details of the plan envisaged by the Central Government towards modernization of State Police Forces in different States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The annual action plan proposal for 2009-10 seeking funds to the tune of Rs. 178.26 crore for modernization of State police forces was received from the State Government of Maharashtra and was considered in the meeting of the High Powered Committee in the Ministry of Home Affairs held on 16.06.2009, which was attended by the representatives of the State Government of Maharashtra. The Central allocation for 2009-10 to Maharashtra under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) is Rs. 84.05 crore. It includes Rs. 2.00 crore allocated to the naxal affected district of Chandrapur of Maharashtra under the MPF Scheme as 100% Central assistance for construction of police stations/outpost and their fortification.

(c) and (d) "Police" is a State subject as per VII Schedule to the Constitution of India. As such, the primary responsibility to modernize/adequately equip their police forces rests with the respective State Governments. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs has been implementing a Non-Plan Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) and supplementing the efforts of the State Governments for modernization of their police forces. Under the Scheme, assistance is being provided to the States for procurement of modern weaponry, construction of residential and non-residential buildings. Procurement of vehicles, security/communication/ forensic science equipments etc. The State Governments formulate their annual action plans based on their assessed requirements which are considered and approved by a High Powered Committee in Ministry of Home Affairs and funds are released against approved plans under the MPF Scheme.

Proposal to increase no fishing zone for coastal security

†2203. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to increase the number of coastal police stations as well as to increase the coastal security alongwith the 7500 km. long coast line of the country;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.